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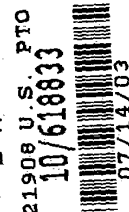
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### TRANSMITTAL FOR CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/022,993, filed on December 18, 2001, of Graham Nicholson and Paul Giddins for CONTAINER FORM NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSPORTATION, (hereinafter "the Parent Application").

A. Enclosed Application Elements and Accompanying Parts

- ☒ A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising twenty-three (23) pages.
- ☒ Seven (7) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as originally filed in the Parent Application and currently in effect.

☐ Entitlement to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed.

☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the Parent Application and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV 319 223 612 US.

☐ A Preliminary Amendment.

☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

**B. Instructions and Averments**

☒ Priority is claimed to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/022,993, filed December 18, 2001, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/829,677, filed April 10, 2001 (abandoned), which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/180,029, filed May 7, 1999 (abandoned) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

☒ Priority to International Application No. PCT/GB97/01197, filed May 2, 1997 and Great Britain Application Serial No. 9609304.2 filed on May 3, 21996 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☒ A certified copy of the above foreign priority application is filed in prior application Serial No. 09/180,029, filed May 7, 1999.

☒ The Parent Application is assigned of record to British Nuclear Fuels PLC, as recorded at reel 010009, frame 0737, copy enclosed.

**C. Payments**

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

			SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
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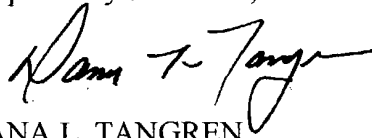
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X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Patent Application in the names of Graham Nicholson and Paul Giddins for CONTAINER FOR NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSPORTATION (23 pages)
- Drawings (7 sheets)
- Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- Copy of Recorded Assignment with cover sheet (5 pages)
- Transmittal Letter (3 pages) (in duplicate)
- Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$972.00
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